

## Data Preparation for Data Science

Data  
Assembly

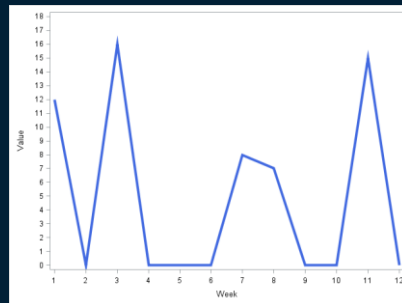
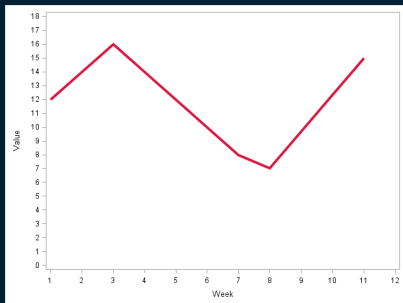
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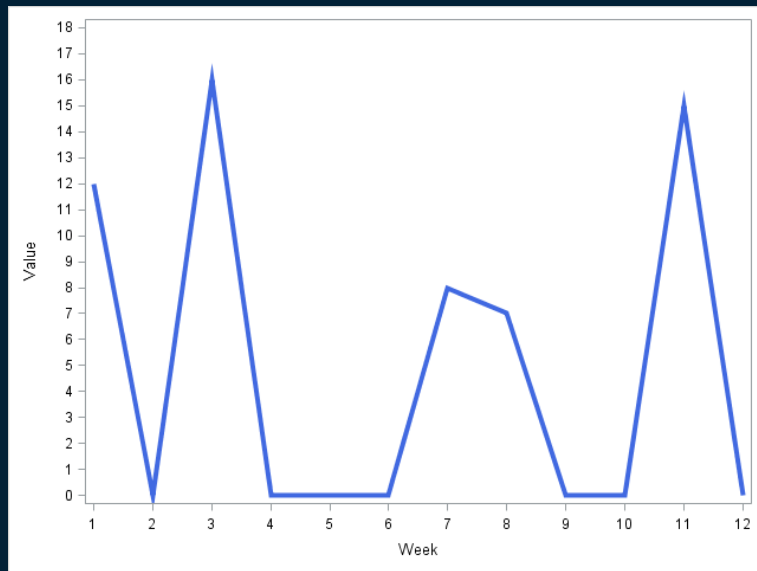
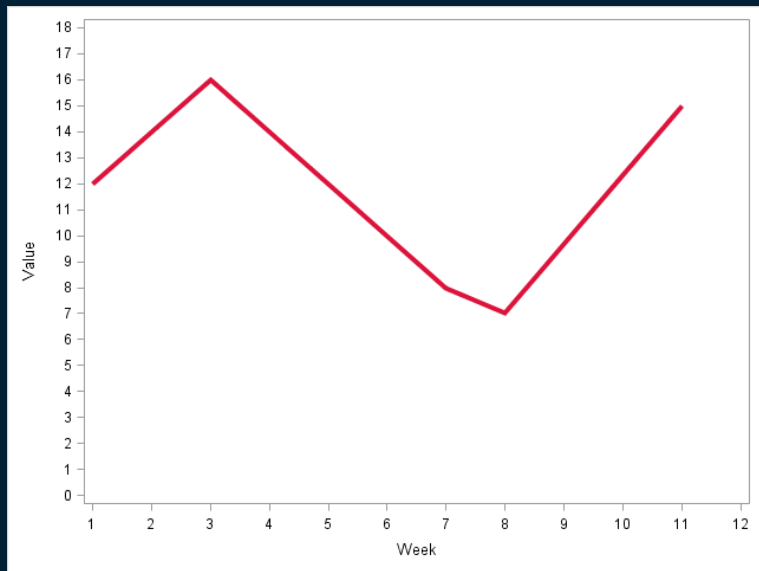
# Detecting and Treating Missing Values in Longitudinal data



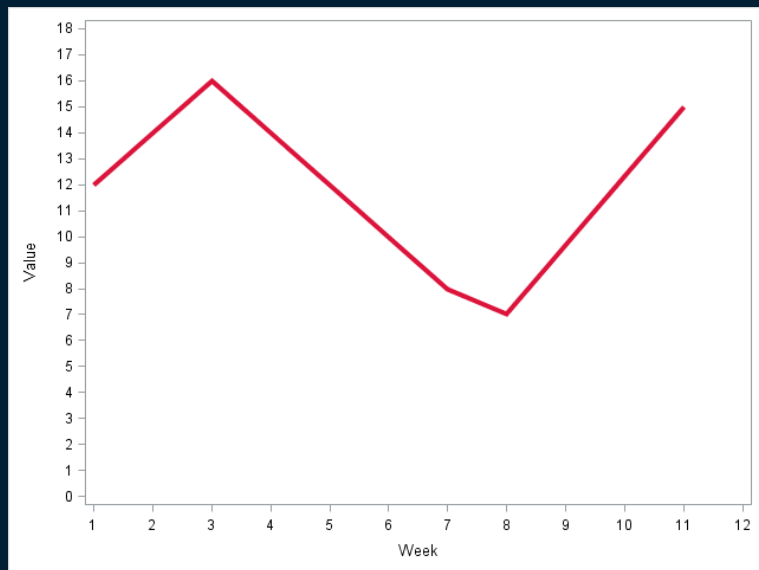
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# Are these two graphs based on the same data?



# Assuming observations at certain points in time

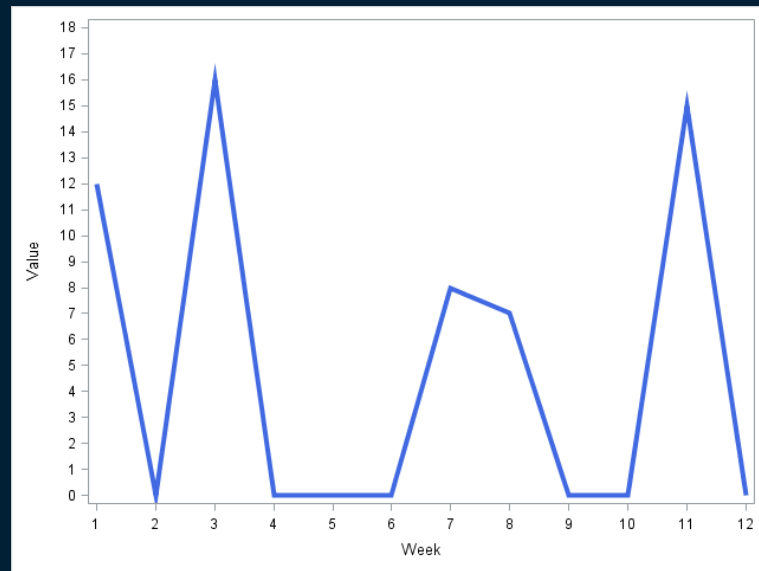


	 Week	 Value
1	1	12
2	3	16
3	7	8
4	8	7
5	11	15

# Assuming event being accumulated per time period

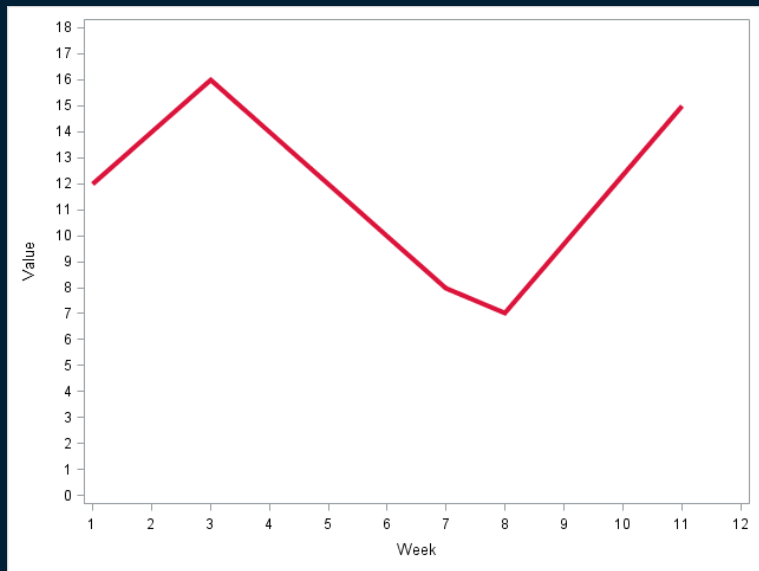
## No event – no record in the analysis data

	<sup>123</sup> Week	<sup>123</sup> Value
1	1	12
2	2	.
3	3	16
4	4	.
5	5	.
6	6	.
7	7	8
8	8	7
9	9	.
10	10	.
11	11	15
12	12	.

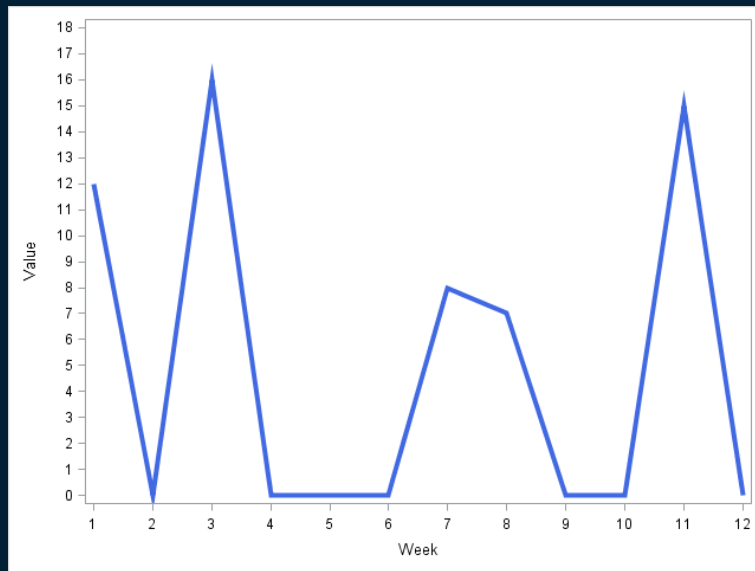


# Which is the correct representation?

Outside Temperature (°C)



Precipitation (mm)



# Transactional Data or Timeseries Data?

	Session Identifier	requested_file
1	43d0a4da826149b5 2002-02-17 08:38:12	/Home.jsp
2	43d0a4da826149b5 2002-02-17 08:38:12	/Cookie_Check.jsp
3	43d0a4da826149b5 2002-02-17 08:38:12	/Home.jsp
4	43d0a4da826149b5 2002-02-17 08:38:12	/Corporate_Relations.jsp
5	43d0a4da826149b5 2002-02-17 08:38:12	/Retail_Store.jsp
6	43d0a4da826149b5 2002-02-17 08:38:12	/Store/Store_Locations.jsp
7	43d639ebce6c73d8 2002-02-17 23:43:16	/Home.jsp
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12	43bb8704bb370e09 2002-02-17 13:44:04	/Home.jsp
13	43bb8704bb370e09 2002-02-17 13:44:04	/Home.jsp
14	43bb8704bb370e09 2002-02-17 13:44:04	/Subcategory.jsp
15	43bb8704bb370e09 2002-02-17 13:44:04	/Product.jsp
16	43bb8704bb370e09 2002-02-17 13:44:04	/Department.jsp
17	43bb8704bb370e09 2002-02-17 13:44:04	/Product.jsp
18	43bb8704bb370e09 2002-02-17 13:44:04	/Department.jsp

	Time	NumberOfRequestedFiles
1	1:00:00	116
2	2:00:00	93
3	3:00:00	17
4	4:00:00	158
5	6:00:00	30
6	7:00:00	66
7	8:00:00	210
8	9:00:00	130
9	10:00:00	143
10	11:00:00	298
11	12:00:00	239
12	13:00:00	145

# Differentiate between explicit and implicit missing values in longitudinal data

PNR	date	amount
56	2004-02-01	48
56	2004-03-01	51
56	2004-04-01	42
56	2004-05-01	36
56	2004-06-01	6
56	2004-07-01	.
56	2004-08-01	48
56	2004-09-01	36
56	2004-10-01	66
56	2004-11-01	15
56	2004-12-01	33
58	2005-06-01	39
58	2005-07-01	63
58	2005-08-01	84
58	2005-09-01	18
58	2005-12-01	69
58	2006-03-01	0
58	2006-07-01	90
58	2006-10-01	57
58	2007-01-01	48

Existing Record  
Value Missing

Missing Record  
No Continuity

# Two related Articles at Communities.sas.com

## Using the TIMESERIES procedure to check the continuity of your timeseries data

Posted a week ago (562 views)

[PROC\\_TIMESERIES\\_INSERT\\_RECORDS.sas](#) [CHECK\\_TIMEID\\_Macro.sas](#)

This article illustrates how you can use the TIMESERIES procedure to check whether your timeseries data contain a record for every time period and how to periods. The article illustrates the rationale for checking your timeseries data for missing records and introduces the %CHECK\_TIMEID macro that automates time series data and inserting records.

Note that the TIMESERIES procedure is part of the SAS/ETS package, thus you only can run the code if you have SAS/ETS licensed. You could create a word a SAS Daststep, however as soon as you have BY-groups in your data your SAS Daststep code gets complicated.

### MISSING RECORDS or MISSING VALUES?

PNR	date	amount
56	2004-02-01	48

## Replace MISSING VALUES in TIMESERIES DATA using PROC EXPAND and PROC TIMESERIES

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[REPLACE\\_MV\\_with\\_PROC\\_EXPAND\\_and\\_TIMESERIES.sas](#)

This article illustrates how you can use the EXPAND and the TIMESERIES procedure to replace missing values in timeseries data. A separate SAS Communities article "[TIMESERIES procedure to check the continuity of your timeseries data](#)" focuses on the problem of missing records in your analysis data. Note that in order to run PROC TIMESERIES and PROC EXPAND you need SAS/ETS.

### Replacing Missing Values with PROC TIMESERIES

This section discusses using the TIMESERIES procedure to replace missing values in time series data. Missing values in this context mean that the missing values occur in time series data where the value for a certain time period is missing.

PROC TIMESERIES allows you to replace missing values by using one of the replacement methods listed in the table below. These methods are controlled with the option SETMISS. For details, refer to the documentation of PROC TIMESERIES, section ID statement, SETMISS option.

Option value	Missing values are set to
<number>	Any number, (for example, 0 to replace missing values with zero)



# Links and Papers

- [Using the TIMESERIES procedure to check the continuity of your timeseries data](#)
- [Replace MISSING VALUES in TIMESERIES DATA using PROC EXPAND and PROC TIMESERIES](#)
- [SGF-Paper: Want an Early Picture of the Data Quality Status of Your Analysis Data? SAS® Visual Analytics Shows You How](#)

# Replacing and interpolating missing values in longitudinal data with SAS

Insert missing  
records

Replace  
with 0

Replace with  
last known value

Replace with  
mean

Interpolate based  
on splines

	DATE	air_mv	air_mv_zero	air_mv_previous	air_mv_mean	air_expand
1	JAN49	112	112	112	112	112
2	FEB49	118	118	118	118	118
3	MAR49	132	132	132	132	132
4	APR49	129	129	129	129	129
5	MAY49	.	0	129	284.54385965	128.29783049
6	JUN49	135	135	135	135	135
7	JUL49	.	0	135	284.54385965	144.73734152
8	AUG49	148	148	148	148	148
9	SEP49	136	136	136	136	136
10	OCT49	119	119	119	119	119
11	NOV49	.	0	119	284.54385965	116.19900978
12	DEC49	118	118	118	118	118
13	JAN50	115	115	115	115	115
14	FEB50	126	126	126	126	126
15	MAR50	141	141	141	141	141

PROC TIMESERIES  
and PROC EXPAND  
in SAS Viya  
fulfill these tasks!

# Missing Values in TimeSeries Data - Get into the details!

- Missing Value or Missing Record?
- What should I impute:  
0 or an interpolated value?
- Visualize the completeness structure of  
your time series data
- Encourage „Analytic Awareness“ in Data  
Preparation and Data Quality



# Data Preparation for Data Science

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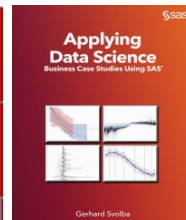
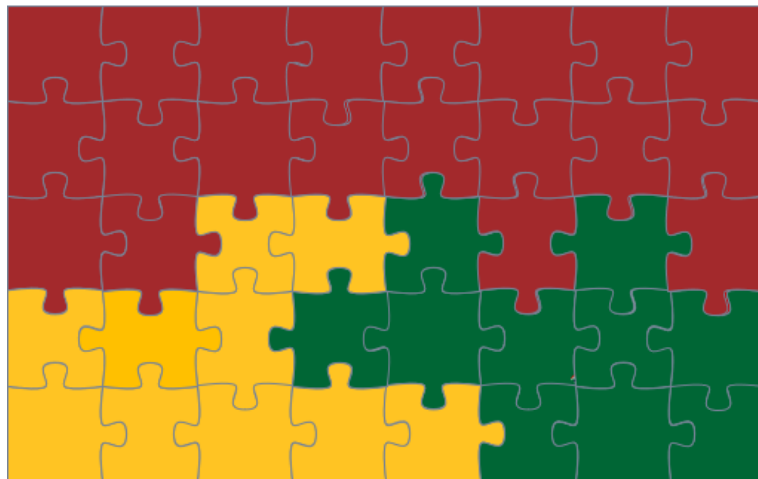
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